

# **Congress of the United States**

**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Dave Marin, Field Director  
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Dear Field Office Director Martin:

As Members of Congress representing San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, it has come to our attention that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) conducted enforcement activities in and around the Congressional districts we represent during the week of February 6, 2017, known as "Operation Cross Check." It is our understanding that Operation Cross Check was based on a list of individuals with previous criminal charges or unauthorized re-entry into the United States. However, ICE also apprehended undocumented immigrants who were not on the "target list" of criminal immigrants that were the focus of Operation Cross Check. We have been told that all individuals apprehended were held for a maximum of twelve hours at the Los Angeles processing center before being moved to a detention center or removed from the United States.

We request that ICE promptly respond to the following questions we are asking on behalf of our constituents:

- Can ICE confirm that agency officials obtained a warrant signed by a judge before entering any residential homes?
- If ICE did not have a warrant signed by a judge, can they confirm that they were given permission by residents to enter the homes of those detained?
- Can ICE confirm and list the agency's priorities for removals?
- What guidance policies, if any, does ICE follow to ensure that apprehended individuals are treated humanely?
- What is the total number of people detained by ICE in these two counties?
- Can ICE disclose the number of individuals apprehended that had removal orders at the time of apprehension?
- Can ICE disclose the number of individuals who were apprehended that did not have orders for removal at the time of apprehension?
- Of the individuals apprehended in these two counties, how many are women?
- Of the individuals apprehended in these two counties, how many are parents with children in the United States?
- Can ICE confirm how many of those apprehended during enforcement activities have a criminal record?
- For those with criminal records, if any, can ICE provide a breakdown of the criminal charges on their record, including immigration status violations?

- Can ICE confirm how many of those apprehended during enforcement activities do not have a criminal record?
- Did each detained and apprehended individual have access to a lawyer and secure a lawyer to assist during the process?
- Can ICE provide a list of names of those apprehended in these counties?
- Was Operation "Cross Check" an enforcement activity that was planned in advance or a "crack down," as noted by President Trump's tweet about ICE's actions?

We respectfully request that ICE respond quickly to the above questions and request a briefing on the outcomes of the actions and any planned future actions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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